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SUBJECT: REPARTIATION OF NORTH KOREAN FISHERMEN

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1. SCENARIO AT MAC MEETING JUNE 7. WENT AS ANTICIPATED. NORTH KOREAN SIDE RESPONDED TO US STATEMENT ON RELEASE BY CONTINUING TO DENY VESSEL HAD BEEN IN ROK WATERS BUT ACCEPTING SUGGESTED RECESS OF THE MAC FOLLOWED BY SECRETARY'S MEETING. MAC MEETING ITSELF LASTED ONE HOUR.

2. SECRETARY'S MEETING CONVENED AT 1300 HOURS JUNE 7 AND RAN FOR SOME FOUR HOURS WITH ONE 20 MINUTE RECESS. DETAILS OF EXCHANGE WERE WORKED OUT AND WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE USED FOR RETURN OF HELICOPTER CREW. EXCHANGE WILL BE BETWEEN SECRETARIES AND IS SCHEDULED FOR 1100 HOURS ON JUNE 13. MOST OF FOUR HOUR PERIOD WAS DEVOTED TO NORTH KOREAN INQUIRY AS TO WHY EIGHT CREW MEMBERS COULD NOT BE RETURNED TODAY.

3. ROK MND ISSUED PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING MAC MEETING
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STATING THAT CREW MEMBERS WOULD BE RELEASED ON
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.
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